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For: METHOD OF SCREENING CANDIDATE COMPOUNDS FOR SUSCEPTIBILITY
TO OXIDATIVE METABOLISM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject U.S. Continuation Patent Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4:

(a) --This application is a continuation of co-pending U.S. patent application serial no. 09/205,762 filed December 4, 1998 herein incorporated by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 2-6 and 12-20.

1. (Amended) A method of screening a candidate compound for susceptibility to metabolism by a selected enzyme, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) reacting the candidate compound, an indicator compound precursor and the selected enzyme, the enzyme characterized as having a side reaction associated with metabolic activity of the enzyme wherein a chemical species capable of reacting with the indicator compound precursor is produced, wherein the selected enzyme is xanthine oxidase; and

(b) detecting an indicator compound, the indicator compound produced from the indicator compound precursor by reaction with the chemical species